

Exhibit B
Email sent on October 22, 2013

Interested Parties:

On August 27, 2013, the Board of Supervisors adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 3246. The Urgency Ordinance establishes a moratorium on new or expanded irrigated crop production, conversion of dry farm or grazing land to irrigated crop production, and new development unless such uses offset their total projected water use by a ratio of 1:1. The ordinance also requires the installation of meters on new wells. The ordinance applies to all properties located within the unincorporated areas of San Luis Obispo County that overlie the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin except those properties that overlie the Atascadero Sub-Basin, and properties served by Community Service Area 16 and San Miguel County Services District.

The ordinance also specifies uses that are not subject to the ordinance and includes exemptions. One of the exemptions is as follows:

Where satisfactory evidence can be provided that, prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, an applicant has secured a vested right to complete site preparation, planting, or sale of product.

On October 1, 2013, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to continue to work on a process and procedures to be used when presented with a request for an Ordinance 3246 vested right determination.

You are being provided with an opportunity to submit ideas on how you believe vested rights determinations should be made.

By November 1, 2013, please provide the Department with your input on exactly how you believe a vesting right should be determined under the exemption in the Urgency Ordinance as set forth above. You can do so by responding to this email or by providing a separate letter addressed to me.

Remember, this determination will be made by staff of the Department of Planning and Building. Any procedure to be used when presented with a request for an Ordinance 3246 vested right determination needs to be clear and easily able to be applied by staff to individual requests.

Attached for your information, is the proposed resolution that was presented to the Board on October 1, 2013. This is being provided to you only to offer an example of the specificity needed in order for staff to quickly and easily be able to make these determinations. Please keep this in mind as you prepare your input.

The information that is obtained from this effort will be used to meet with a smaller group of industry representatives to come up with alternative(s) to present to the Board in November.

Please feel free to forward this email to any other individuals or groups that you believe could contribute to this effort.

We look forward to your input on this very important issue.